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Senate

The Senate met at 10:01 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Because of You, we need not fear, though the Earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

On this day when we remember Pearl Harbor, we thank You for the protection of Your loving providence. You protect us from dangers seen and unseen. You sustain this Nation through seasons of distress and grief. You raise up leaders who possess the strength, wisdom, and courage we need to meet challenges. You are a generous and awesome God. May the memories of Your watch care infuse us with optimism about what the future holds. Keep us from fearing impending storms by reminding us about the way You have led us in the past.

Today, use our lawmakers, the members of their staff, and the thousands who work on Capitol Hill for Your glory. Especially guide our Senators during this impeachment process.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 7, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Senators should be prepared to be in the Chamber throughout the day on the impeachment trial of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. At 12:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senator LEMIEUX permitted to speak for up to 15 minutes. Following his remarks, the Senate will recess until 2:30 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings. When the Senate reconvenes, there will be a mandatory live quorum to resume the court of impeachment. There may be another live quorum at 5:30 this evening to begin the closed session deliberations.

IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE G. THOMAS PORTEOUS, JR.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 6]

Akaka	Dorgan	McConnell
Alexander	Durbin	Menendez
Barrasso	Enzi	Merkley
Begich	Feingold	Mikulski
Bennet	Feinstein	Murkowski
Bennett	Franken	Murray
Bingaman	Gillibrand	Nelson (NE)
Bond	Grassley	Nelson (FL)
Boxer	Gregg	Pryor
Brown (MA)	Hagan	Reed
Brown (OH)	Hatch	Reid
Bunning	Inouye	Risch
Burr	Isakson	Roberts
Cantwell	Johanns	Rockefeller
Cardin	Johnson	Schumer
Carper	Kerry	Sessions
Casey	Kirk	Snowe
Chambliss	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Coburn	Kyl	Tester
Collins	Leahy	Thune
Conrad	LeMieux	Udall (NM)
Coons	Levin	Vitter
Corker	Lugar	Voinovich
Cornyn	Manchin	Warner
Crapo	McCain	Webb
DeMint	McCaskill	Wyden

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Is a quorum present?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. A quorum is present.

COURT OF IMPEACHMENT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the hour of 10:12 a.m. having arrived and a quorum having been established, the Senate will resume its consideration of the Articles of Impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.

The House managers and Judge Porteous and counsel will please make their entry before the proclamation is made.

(The House managers, Judge Porteous, and counsel proceeded to the seats assigned to them in the well of the Chamber.)

THE JUDGE AND HIS COUNSEL

1. Judge Gabriel Thomas Porteous, Jr.
2. Jonathan Turley
3. Daniel Schwartz

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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